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"The seventeen jurisdictions that submitted their plans by the first deadline volunteered to be guinea pigs—or, if you like, sacrificial lambs. There is little doubt that the other thirty-four states are watching closely, both to see models they might emulate and to learn how the U.S. Department of Education reacts to what has been proposed."

Brandon L. Wright and Michael J.  
Petrilli | U.S. News & World Report |  
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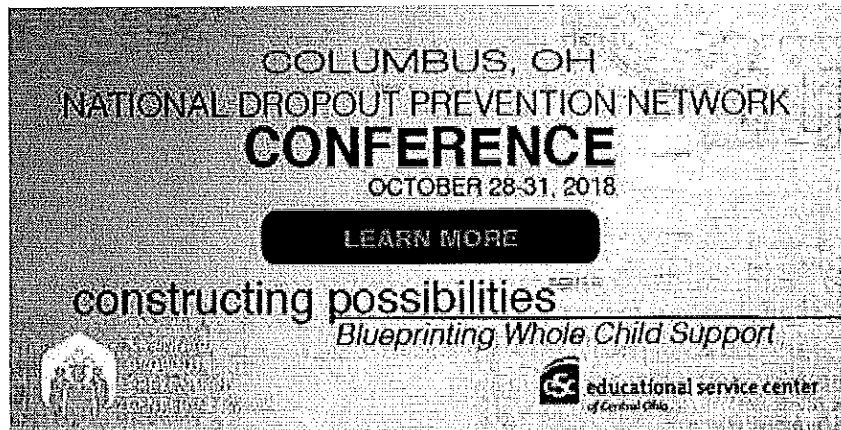
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## **OHIO LEGISLATION UPDATE**

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# **OHIO**

## ***Central Ohio Schools***

### **Minority Millennials Shaping Cities, Including Columbus – Columbus Dispatch**

- Millennials of color are going to be a major force in shaping American cities over the next few decades. And though their percentage in Columbus is lower than in many cities in the South and West, the rate of growth of minority millennials as part of overall millennial growth is similar to the Seattle-Tacoma and Austin metro areas

### **Central Ohio Students and School Officials Plan for Walkouts to Support Florida Shooting Victims – Columbus Dispatch**

- Reports of the demise of civics education are greatly exaggerated. For the past month since the school shooting in Parkland, Florida, in which 17 people were killed, many teenagers across the U.S., motivated by shock and fear, have been living out the concepts in their government textbooks

### **Central Ohio Students Join National Walkout Day Protest Against Gun Violence – Columbus Dispatch**

- Students in central Ohio joined those students in thousands of schools across the country who walked out of class Wednesday to demand stricter gun laws — something that no political faction, particularly in Ohio, has been able to achieve for decades. Most demonstrations lasted 17 minutes, in tribute to the 17 lives lost Feb. 14 at a Parkland, Florida, high school

## **BEXLEY CITY SCHOOLS**

### **Participation in Walkouts about Safety – This Week**

- In light of the national debate about gun control after the Feb. 14 shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, students at Bexley High School and St. Charles Preparatory School announced intentions to participate in the National School Walkout on March 14

## **CHILLICOTHE CITY SCHOOLS**

### **Local School Boards Consider School Violence Resolution – Chillicothe Gazette**

- Several local school boards are considering joining the Ohio School Boards Association in asking the state and federal governments for more resources to combat violence in the schools

#### **Silence, Activism Combine in Ross County Schools – Chillicothe Gazette**

- Complete silence, especially in contrast to the carnage that gripped Florida's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School a month ago, can be deafening

#### **COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS**

#### **Columbus Teachers Vote for New Leader of 4,000-Member Union – Columbus Dispatch**

- In an unprecedented defeat, the president of the union that represents 4,000 Columbus City Schools teachers was ousted in an election Wednesday, replaced with a longtime high school social studies teacher who promised a more aggressive and outspoken approach

#### **DELAWARE CITY SCHOOLS**

#### **Hayes Students Take Part in Walkout – Delaware Gazette**

- Hundreds of students at Hayes High School participated in the National School Walkout and gathered in the stadium to read the names of those killed in the Stonema Douglas High School shooting and for a moment of silence

#### **Hayes Sets Sights on Blue Ribbon – Delaware Gazette**

- Hayes High School will get a visit this October from a group that will determine if Hayes is worthy of the Blue Ribbon of Excellence

#### **DUBLIN CITY SCHOOLS**

#### **State of the Community: Partnerships Was Central Theme for Address – This Week**

- Partnership was the focus of many of the items discussed during the State of the Community address March 8, a joint community event led by the city of Dublin and the Dublin City School District

#### **Community Involvement Is Vital to Master-Plan Process – This Week from the Superintendent's Desk**

- Todd Hoadley, superintendent of the Dublin City Schools, writes that the next step in this process has been to engage their community around these important decisions that will impact the future of their district for many years

#### **GAHANNA-JEFFERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

#### **District, Firm to Work on Safety Overview Report – This Week**

- Nearly everything is on the table when it comes to improving the safety and security of Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools -- except arming teachers and requiring student uniforms

## **GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOLS**

### **Grandview High School Principal Takes Job Closer to Home – This Week**

- Grandview Heights High School Principal Ken Chaffin has accepted an offer to become the principal at Early College High School in the Marysville Exempted Village School District

### **Chaffin: Leading High School ‘Extreme Privilege’ – This Week**

- Grandview Heights High School Principal Ken Chaffin has accepted an offer to work a little closer to home

## **GROVEPORT MADISON LOCAL SCHOOLS**

### **Groveport Madison Hunts for a New Superintendent – Columbus Messenger**

- Groveport Madison Board of Education President Bryan Shoemaker said the board hopes to hire a new superintendent by late May to replace Bruce Hoover, who resigned for personal reasons on Feb. 9. Deputy Superintendent John Hurd is currently serving as interim superintendent

## **HAMILTON LOCAL SCHOOLS**

### **Hamilton Local Schools Takes ‘Interim’ Off Superintendent’s Title – Columbus Dispatch**

- After conducting a formal search and interviewing candidates, the Hamilton Local Board of Education voted unanimously on Monday to hire Mark Tyler, who has been running the district since Oct. 1, and has worked there for nearly 17 years

## **HILLIARD CITY SCHOOLS**

### **Change Takes Courage, Requires Individuals to ‘Step Up’ – This Week Hilliard Schools Connection**

- John Marschhausen, superintendent of Hilliard City Schools, writes that the district is in the hiring process for a new position: director of student well-being

### **Clark to Replace McNaughton as Assistant Superintendent – This Week**

- Hilliard school board members on March 12 unanimously accepted the recommendation of Superintendent John Marschhausen to name Vicky Clark as one of the district’s two assistant superintendents

## **MARSYVILLE SCHOOLS**

### **Grandview High School Principal Takes Job Closer to Home – This Week**

- Grandview Heights High School Principal Ken Chaffin has accepted an offer to become the principal at Early College High School in the Marysville Exempted Village School District

### **Ken Chaffin Picked for Marysville ECHS Principal – Marysville Journal-Tribune**

- A former Marysville graduate, educator and coach has been tapped to take over at the district's Early College High School (ECHS) next year

## **OLENTANGY LOCAL SCHOOLS**

### **Olentangy Walkouts 'Step in the Right Direction' – This Week**

- Students at the Olentangy Local School District's three high schools braved subfreezing temperatures to honor the 17 people killed in a recent school shooting in Florida

## **SOUTH-WESTERN CITY SCHOOLS**

### **Ohio Supreme Court Opinions – Hannah**

- South-Western City Schools Board of Education v. Franklin County Board of Revision

### **April Forums to Engage Public in Renovation Process – This Week South-Western Subject Matter**

- Bill Wise, superintendent of South-Western City Schools, writes that with Segment 1 completed, it's time to look at Segment 2 of this OFCC partnership

## **UPPER ARLINGTON CITY SCHOOLS**

### **Jones Middle School: Five-Year Roof Project Nearing an End – This Week**

- A five-year project to replace leaky sections of the roof at Jones Middle School is on track to be fully completed this summer

## **WORTHINGTON CITY SCHOOLS**

### **Walkout 'Not Something We Felt We Should Stop' – This Week**

- Hundreds of Worthington high school students walked out of their classrooms at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 14, into freezing temperatures and snow flurries as part of a coordinated national event to protest gun violence, but they received no protest from Worthington Schools teachers and administrators

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## ***Ohio Department of Education/State Board of Education***

### **School Board Resolution Would Condemn Consolidation Proposal -- Hannah**

- The State Board of Education next week will consider whether to formally stand up for itself in the face of legislative moves to relegate it to a small sliver of its current duties and give the governor's office control of most K-12 policy functions

### **School Board Talks Safety -- Hannah**

- State Board of Education members discussed Monday Ohio's current programs and practices for making schools safe and secure and possible new approaches, sparked by the recent deadly shooting at a Florida high school

### **School Board Formally Opposes Education Merger Legislation -- Hannah**

- The State Board of Education voted 11-4 Tuesday to state its "complete opposition" to HB512 (Reineke), a plan supported by House Republican leaders and Gov. John Kasich to merge K-12, higher education and workforce functions of state government and, in the process, diminish the role of the board and the state superintendent

### **New Ohio Education Goals Put Emotional Health, Critical Reasoning and Job Skills on Par with English and Math -- Do You? -- Cleveland Plain Dealer**

- After a year of debate with education groups across the state, the board and Ohio Department of Education released late Wednesday a proposed "strategic plan" they hope will guide education decisions for Ohio over the next several years

### **IDEA Part B Federal Application for Fiscal Year 2018 Now Available for Review and Public Comment -- ODE**

- All states applying for funds under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act must make their application packets for the federal funding available for public review and comment. IDEA Part B funds support districts in providing special education services to Ohio children ages 3 to 21

### **Joint Guidance Issued on Project SEARCH Readiness Training Programs -- ODE**

- The Ohio Department of Education and Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities issued joint guidance on the increase in collaborative oversight of Project SEARC job readiness training programs

### **Community Members Urged to Comment on Draft Strategic Education Plan -- ODE**

- Philanthropy Ohio and the State Board of Education of Ohio encourage educators, funders, parents, students and community members to engage in community conversations to provide input on Ohio's Draft Strategic



Education Plan, which will create a unified system that results in success for each student

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## ***Ohio Education & Public Policy***

### **Bill Would Require Security Upgrades for New Ohio Schools -- Columbus Dispatch**

- New bipartisan legislation in the Ohio House would mandate stricter security standards in newly constructed schools in hopes of preventing school shootings, its sponsors say

### **More than 200 Students Rally at Ohio Statehouse on Gun Laws -- Columbus Dispatch**

- After nationwide school walkouts calling for stricter gun laws on Wednesday morning, other high school students gathered a couple of hours later at the Statehouse to demand action from lawmakers

### **Ohio Students Join Walkouts, Lobby at Statehouse for Gun Restrictions -- Hannah**

- Students across Ohio and the U.S. left their classrooms in large numbers Wednesday morning for walkouts planned to honor victims of the Parkland, Florida shooting and advocate for new firearms restrictions

### **Local School Boards Consider School Violence Resolution -- Chillicothe Gazette**

- Several local school boards are considering joining the Ohio School Boards Association in asking the state and federal governments for more resources to combat violence in the schools

### **Let 18-Year-Olds Carry Guns in Schools, Says Ohio Lawmaker -- Columbus Dispatch**

- Law-abiding high school students who are 18 or older should be allowed to carry long guns inside public high schools, an Ohio lawmaker said on Thursday

### **Coincidence or Trade Off? Career-Tech Leaders Back Education Merger -- Columbus Dispatch**

- Breaking with Ohio K-12 superintendents, the leaders of several Ohio career and technology centers offered support last week for a bill that would give the governor more direct control over the Ohio Department of Education

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#### **Amid More Opposition, Ohio Chamber Backs Education Merger Bill – Columbus Dispatch**

- The Ohio Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday jumped in to support a controversial bill giving the governor control over much of the Ohio Department of Education

#### **Chamber Praises Education Consolidation Bill; Opponents Continue Criticism – Hannah**

- While the vast majority of individuals testifying on HB512 (Reineke) on Wednesday were opposed to consolidating several education-related agencies into the Ohio Department of Learning and Achievement (DLA), the Ohio Chamber of Commerce cautiously commended the legislation

#### **Legislator Tells School Board to Not Interfere on Education Merger – Cleveland Plain Dealer**

- The state school board should not be taking votes about a bill that would change the entire state education bureaucracy, Rep. Bill Reineke, the bill's sponsor, said Wednesday

#### **Kasich's Office Still Reviewing DeMaria's Workforce Board Request – Hannah**

- Gov. John Kasich's office had not made a decision as of Monday night on Superintendent Paolo DeMaria's request for a seat on the Governor's Executive Workforce Board

#### **Senate Finance Committee Sends Capital Budget to Full Senate – Hannah**

- The Senate Finance Committee sent HB529 (Ryan), the capital budget, on to the full Senate by a unanimous vote Tuesday, though the bill will have to wait another week for action after the Senate cancelled its Wednesday session

#### **Permanent Sales Tax Holiday Heads to House Floor with ESC Levy Amendment – Hannah**

- A Senate bill that would make a three-day sales tax holiday during each August permanent left the House Ways and Means Committee Wednesday with an amendment allowing educational service centers (ESC) to put a levy on the ballot for safety and general health

#### **School-Lunch Data Show Economy a Bit Better – Columbus Dispatch**

- The percentage of students receiving free or reduced-price school lunches inched down to 40 percent this year, a sign that Ohio's economy has slightly improved but still not recovered from the Great Recession

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## ***Ohio Schools***

### **Many Teachers Don't Report Student Attacks, Study Shows – Columbus Dispatch**

- Nearly one in five teachers who suffered physical or verbal attacks by students didn't tell school administrators, according to a nationwide study led by an Ohio State University professor

### **Study Finds Some Teachers Don't Report Violence – Hannah**

- A new national study finds nearly one in five teachers who were victims of physical or verbal violence at their schools didn't report the incidents to school administrators, according to Ohio State University

### **Armed and Safe? At Ohio Schools, the Security Plan Includes Teachers and Guns – Washington Post**

- In 10 states, schools allow teachers and staff members to be armed, with administrators' permission. After the shooting that took 17 lives at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida last month, pressure is increasing to expand that approach

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## ***Ohio School Facilities Commission***

### **Facilities Commission Awards \$4M for Charter School Building Projects – Hannah**

- Four charter schools will share in \$4 million in state funding for facilities projects, the second round of building awards under a state program created in the 2016-2017 biennial budget, 131-HB64 (R. Smith)

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# **NATIONAL/WORLD**

## ***Federal & US Department of Education***

### **Trump Plan for School Security Includes Gun Training for Staffs – Columbus Dispatch**

- The White House said Sunday that the federal government will help provide “rigorous firearms training” for qualified volunteer school personnel as part of a package of policy changes he will propose after the mass shootings in Parkland, Florida. But the package did not call for raising the minimum age for buying guns

### **White House to Push School Safety Bill, Form Task Force, Help States Train Armed School Staff – EdWeek**

- The White House plans to unveil a school safety proposal Monday that centers on pushing for Congress to pass existing bipartisan legislation that would provide support for violence prevention and intervention in schools. Versions of the STOP School Violence Act have already been introduced in the House and the Senate

### **Here's How the Big School Safety Bills in Congress Differ, and Why It Matters – EdWeek**

- In the wake of the mass shooting at a Florida high school last month, it's clear how the GOP majorities in Congress have reacted: They want to focus on school-safety initiatives, not gun control

### **School Safety Bill Passes U.S. House, No Action on Gun Control – Reuters**

- The U.S. House of Representatives approved spending more money on metal detectors, locks and other school security measures on Wednesday, but took no steps to tighten gun control laws a month after a Florida high school shooting that killed 17 people

### **DeVos Commission Eyes Obama School Discipline Rules**

- Most of the headlines emerging from the White House's new “hardening schools” proposal are focusing on its push to arm teachers and other staff to protect against school shooters. But buried deep in the proposal, released Sunday, is the announcement of a new Federal Commission on School Safety, led by Education Secretary Betsy DeVos. It will consider, among other issues, repealing the Obama administration's “Rethink School Discipline” policies

### **Justice Department Pushes for Putting More Officers in Schools – USA Today**

- The Justice Department announced Monday its plans to prioritize giving grants to local and state law enforcement agencies that plan to hire more officers in an attempt to improve school safety

### **After Demanding Local Control, DeVos Finds That It Limits Her Influence – New York Times**

- After spending much of her life fighting for state and local control of education, Betsy DeVos last year found herself at the helm of the federal

agency that she had long said stands in the way of educational innovation. But after a year on the job, Ms. DeVos may have learned a hard lesson: local control means she can't always get what she wants

#### **Prepared Remarks to the National Parent Teacher Association Legislative Conference – USDOE**

- U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos

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### ***Education Policy & Finance***

#### **Student Walkout Taps Well of Anger, Mourning over Gun Violence – EdWeek**

- In the most dramatic display of civic activism by American students in recent memory, tens of thousands walked out of their high schools Wednesday and took part in somber, politically charged demonstrations marking the Feb. 14 shooting that killed 17 educators and students at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla

#### **U.S. Students Stage Massive Walkout to Protest Gun Violence – AP**

- They bowed their heads in honor of the dead. They carried signs with messages like "Never again" and "Am I next?" They railed against the National Rifle Association and the politicians who support it. And over and over, they repeated the message: Enough is enough

#### **When Older Americans Outnumber Students (Which Is Soon), How Will Schools Connect? – EdWeek**

- After decades of sinking birth rates and improving longevity, the U.S. Census Bureau projects that by 2035, older Americans will outnumber children for the first time. That will leave more and more school districts financially dependent on communities with little or no direct connection to their students

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### ***Standards & Assessments***

#### **What Gets Tested Gets Taught: Caution for Using College Admissions Tests in State Accountability Systems – Achieve**

- This brief looks across the current evidence available on the two primary college admissions tests in order to provide state leaders and policymakers with the information they must consider in selecting high school assessments. The primary issue at hand is the alignment of college admissions tests, the ACT and SAT, to states' college- and career-ready standards

### **Don't Use SAT and ACT as Your High School Tests, Study Urges – EdWeek**

- States should not use the SAT or ACT to measure high school achievement because those exams don't fully reflect states' academic standards, and could distort what's taught in the classroom, according to a study released

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## ***Educator Effectiveness***

### **New Collaborations, New Approaches: Research for Improvement in Teacher Preparation – AIR**

- The report shares the projects that participants believe could help improve teacher preparation, describing each of the research designs presented as well as the challenges that might arise when conducting research in dynamic contexts

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## ***Digital Convergence***

### **How Artificial Intelligence Is Already Transforming Education – EdWeek**

- The invention of artificial intelligence has been hotly debated over the years. Some view this tool as the first step toward a world where human professions are no longer necessary. Others see artificial intelligence as a cost-effective means of being more productive during the day. The truth may fall somewhere in between these extremes, particularly when it comes to education

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## ***Personalized Learning Frameworks***

### **Personalized Learning Plays Role in Many States' ESSA Plans, Report Finds – EdWeek**

- Personalized learning, or some of its components, appears in most state accountability plans submitted under the Every Student Succeeds Act, according to a study released by the nonprofit KnowledgeWorks

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## ***School Safety & Discipline***

### **Many Teachers Don't Report Student Attacks, Study Shows – Columbus Dispatch**

- Nearly one in five teachers who suffered physical or verbal attacks by students didn't tell school administrators, according to a nationwide study led by an Ohio State University professor

### **Student Walkout/Teach-In: Protest, Change and Gun Violence in America – Brady Campaign & Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence**

- With many students planning walkouts next week related to gun violence in America, we know that educators are wondering how to address this topic with students. In response, we are providing this discussion guide to gun violence in America. We have grounded this guide in facts which are neutral and nonpartisan

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### **Most Teachers Oppose Arming Educators and Fear a School Shooting, Says NEA Poll – EdWeek**

- Nearly three-quarters of educators oppose President Donald Trump's push to arm school staff, and a clear majority also say working with armed school personnel would make them feel less safe, according to a poll of National Education Association members released Tuesday

### **When Chicago Cut Down on Suspensions, Students Saw Test Scores and Attendance Rise – Chalkbeat**

- As school districts across the country have cut back on suspensions, critics claimed that the changes have led to chaos in the classroom. But there's been remarkably little hard evidence either for or against that view

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## ***Social-Emotional Learning***

### **Three Core Social-Emotional Skills Students Need to Succeed in 2040 and Beyond – KnowledgeWorks**

- We've created a new poster you can hang in your office, classroom or staff lounge to help keep these skills top of mind, including ideas to help students develop and practice emotional regulation, empathy and self-knowledge

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## ***Early Learning***

### **How States Plan to Use ESSA Funds for Early Learning – EdWeek**

- An early-childhood education advocacy group has released a new report on how states are using the Every Student Succeeds Act, or ESSA, to leverage federal support for early learning

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## ***Leadership***

### **How Do Principals Influence Student Achievement? – University of Chicago Consortium on School Research**

- Researchers used data from hundreds of schools to learn how principals were most effective at achieving higher learning gains on standardized tests. Then, they visited 12 schools, interviewing principals and teachers, to see firsthand what principals in schools with improving learning gains were doing that principals in schools without improving learning gains were not

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# **Ohio Legislation Update**

**(Recent bill action in RED. Signed into law by Governor in GREEN.)**

## ***HOUSE***



**HB3** DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Christina Hagan) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations

**STATUS: House Finance Committee – Reported out**

**HB8** PUBLIC RECORDS-MINORS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs Committee – Reported out**

**HB14**AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (Rep. Kathleen Clyde) To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically unless those persons decline and to expand how a voter may register or update their registration through the online voter registration system

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB21**COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION (Rep. Steve Hambley) Regarding verification of community school enrollments

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee**

**HB37**SCHOOL SAFETY-STRUCTURES (Rep. Steve Arndt) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB40**GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (Rep. Jonathan Dever, Rep. Dave Greenspan) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database

**Status: House State & Local Government Committee**

**HB47**STUDENTS IN MILITARY (Rep. John Boccieri) To enact the "Students to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB49**OPERATING BUDGET (Rep. Ryan Smith) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget

**STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective July 1, 2017**

**HB51**DEPARTMENT REVIEW SCHEDULE (Rep. Keith Faber) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB53**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES (Rep. John Becker) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB58**CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Marilyn Slaby) To require instruction in cursive handwriting

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB66**UNDERGRAD MISSION STUDY COMMITTEE (Rep. Ron Young) To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee**

**HB69**LEVY REVENUE REIMBURSEMENT (Rep. Bob Cupp) To require reimbursement of certain township fire and emergency medical service levy revenue forgone because of the creation of a municipal tax increment financing district

**STATUS: Signed by Governor (12/22/17) – Effective after 90 days**

**HB74**INCREASE COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. Stephen Huffman, Rep. Theresa Gavarone) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to the state's 529 college savings program from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per beneficiary per year

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB77**SICK-CHILD CARE LICENSURE (Rep. Wes Retherford) To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers

**STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee**

**HB80**SCHOOL FOOD-SUMMER INTERVENTION (Rep. Sarah LaTourette, Rep. Kent Smith) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service

program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**HB87** COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUBLIC MONEYS (Rep. Kristina Roegner) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

**STATUS: Passed by House, Vote 94-2**

**HB89** AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB98** CAREER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Kristin Boggs) Regarding the presentation of career information to students

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB102** SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school districts to enter into a memorandum of understanding for one district to manage another

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB103** FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

**STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective October 17, 2017**

**HB108** INFORMED STUDENT DOCUMENT ACT (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Robert McColley) To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school

curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act"

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Bill amended**

**HB110** COLLEGE CREDIT APPRENTICESHIPS (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Bill Dean) To create a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended**

**HB118** TAX COMPLAINT DISMISSAL (Rep. Derek Merrin) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0**

**HB124** VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory

**STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately**

**HB129** SCHOOL EXTERNSHIPS-GOVERNOR (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require the Governor to complete a forty-hour externship consisting of on-site work experience in city, local, and exempted village school districts in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee**

**HB134** SCHOOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB163** PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

**STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee**

**HB166** WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke, Rep. Bob Cupp) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce

development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB170** COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Mike Duffey)

With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; and to authorize public schools to establish computer science and technology funds

**STATUS: Signed by Governor (12/22/17) – Effective after 90 days**

**HB176** SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS (Rep. Andrew Thompson) With regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Bill amended**

**HB179** IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE (Rep. Candice Keller) To require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws, to prohibit a local government that fails to do so from receiving certain state funds, to provide for the removal of officers of a local government that fails to do so, and to declare an emergency

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB181** ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT STANDARDS (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. Tom Brinkman) With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB186** COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Gary Scherer) To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a postsecondary degree or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB200** OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Koehler, K) - To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Bill amended**

**HB203** YOUTH SUMMER JOBS INITIATIVE (Barnes, Jr., J) - To require the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended**

**HB217** COLLEGE APPLICATIONS-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students to disclose disciplinary actions on their applications for admission

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB220** NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS (Rep. David Leland) With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB224** RE-SERVING SCHOOL LUNCH ITEMS (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB227** LICENSE PLATE-KENSTON LOCAL SCHOOLS (Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate

**STATUS: House Transportation & Public Safety Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB235** EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT PROCEDURE (Rep. Theresa Gavarone) Regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee**

**HB237** MULTICOUNTY LOCAL ELECTIONS (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda) To require a political subdivision with territory in more than one county that places an issue on the ballot to notify the board of elections of every county in which the political subdivision has territory, to require the Secretary of State to establish a database to facilitate communication between the boards of elections and the Secretary concerning local elections, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB242** SCHOOL RETIREMENT-COST OF LIVING (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding School Employees Retirement System annual cost-of-living adjustments

**STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB246** DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CLASSROOMS (Rep. John Boccieri, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to provide funding to certain county boards of developmental disabilities to assist in the acquisition of classroom facilities

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB262** INDEPENDENT BUDGET PROCESS (Rep. James Butler, Jr., Rep. Mark Romanchuk) To provide for the preparation of a state biennial budget independent of that submitted by the Governor and to authorize the Legislative Service Commission, upon the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate, to arrange for an independent actuarial review of a proposed bill, specified analyses of economic policy initiatives and state benchmarking data, and a study of the state's long-range financial outlook

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB298** PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SICK DAYS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To make changes with respect to the number of sick days provided to public employees

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee**

**HB312** LOCAL GOVERNMENT CREDIT CARDS (Rep. Kirk Schuring, Rep. Dave Greenspan) Regarding use of credit cards and debit cards by political subdivisions

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB318** SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DEFINITION (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To define the necessary qualifications and responsibilities of school resource officers

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB322** SCHOOL EMERGENCY PLANS (Rep. Adam Miller, Rep. Bernadine Kent) To revise the law regarding emergency management plans and school safety drills; to require each educational service center to employ an emergency response planner; to make an appropriation; and to declare an emergency

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB337** TEXTBOOK SALES TAX EXEMPTION (Rep. Mike Duffey) To exempt from sales and use tax textbooks purchased by post-secondary students

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB338** BUS DRIVER MEDICAL EXAMS (Rep. Tim Ginter) Regarding medical examinations for school bus drivers

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**HB342** LOCAL TAX ISSUES-ELECTION DATES (Rep. Derek Merrin) To permit local tax-related proposals to appear only on general and primary election ballots and not on an August special election ballot and to modify the information conveyed in election notices and ballot language for property tax levies

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee – Bill amended**

**HB343** PROPERTY VALUE CONTEST-RESOLUTIONS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To require local governments that contest property values to formally pass an authorizing resolution for each contest and to notify property owners

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee – Reported out**

**HB360** ANTI-BULLYING AND HAZING (Rep. Dave Greenspan) To enact the "Ohio Anti-Bullying and Hazing Act" with regard to school discipline and bullying and hazing policies at public schools and public colleges

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB361** PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINTS TIMEFRAME (Rep. Dave Greenspan) To increase the time within which boards of revision must decide property tax complaints

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee – Bill amended**

**HB363** CAMPUS FREE SPEECH (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Andrew Brenner) To enact the "Campus Free Speech Act" with respect to the freedom of speech and assembly at state institutions of higher education and the charging and allocation of student activity fees

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB369** PER PUPIL FUNDING GUARANTEE (Rep. Martin Sweeney) To prescribe a per pupil funding guarantee for certain school districts and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB377** CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE EDUCATION (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Dan Ramos) With respect to age-appropriate student instruction in child sexual abuse and sexual violence prevention and in-service staff training in child sexual abuse prevention

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB378** OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT (Rep. Ryan Smith, Rep. Jack Cera) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Finance Committee – Bill amended**

**HB383** CHILD CARE HEALTH & SAFETY RISKS (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding parental notice of serious risks to the health or safety of children receiving child care

**STATUS: House Community & Family Advancement Committee – Reported out**



**HB396** STEM DEGREE LOAN REPAYMENT (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To create the STEM Degree Loan Repayment Program and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB399** HEALTH INSURANCE SAVINGS INCENTIVES (Rep. Michael Henne, Rep. James Butler, Jr.) To enact the Ohio Right to Shop Act to require health insurers to establish shared savings incentive programs for enrollees

**STATUS: House Health Committee**

**HB413** PERS ADJUSTMENT-DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES EMPLOYEES (Rep. Gary Scherer) Regarding Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) annual cost-of-living adjustments granted to allowance and benefit recipients and PERS service credit for services as a nonteaching school employee of a county board of developmental disabilities

**STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee**

**HB418** SCHOOL RECORDS TRANSFER (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To require a public or chartered nonpublic school to transmit a student's records within five business days when the student transfers to another school

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB426** SCHOOL SEXUAL CONDUCT (Rep. Christina Hagan) To prohibit an employee of a school or institution of higher education who is not in a position of authority from engaging in sexual conduct with certain students

**STATUS: House Criminal Justice Committee**

**HB428** STUDENT RELIGIOUS LIBERTIES ACT (Rep. Tim Ginter, Rep. Sarah LaTourette) Regarding student religious expression and to entitle the act the "Ohio Student Religious Liberties Act of 2018"

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB432** STUDENT LOAN OMBUDSMAN & LICENSURE (Rep. Kristin Boggs, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require student loan servicers to be licensed by the Division of Financial Institutions and to create the position of student loan ombudsperson in the Division of Financial Institutions to provide assistance to student loan borrowers

**STATUS: House Financial Institutions, Housing & Urban Development Committee**

**HB438** ESC ANNEXATION (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To permit the addition of appointed members to educational service center boards and to permit a local school district to sever its territory from one educational service center and annex that territory to an adjacent service center under specified conditions

**STATUS: Passed by House, Vote 96-0**

**HB442** SCHOOL ATHLETICS-F1 VISA (Rep. Niraj Antani) To authorize any student from a country or province outside the United States who attends an elementary or secondary school in Ohio and holds an F-1 visa to participate in interscholastic athletics at that school on the same basis as Ohio residents

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB443** MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION (Rep. Martin Sweeney) To require school district boards of education to incorporate mental health instruction into their health education curricula

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB449** CHARTER SCHOOL SPONSOR RATINGS-UNIVERSITIES (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. John Patterson) To require the Department of Education to attribute any community school sponsor ratings an entity received during its relationship with a state university board of trustees to that entity even if it no longer has a relationship with the university

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee -- Substitute bill accepted**

**HB477** ELIMINATE EDUCATION PROGRAMS (Rep. Kyle Koehler) To eliminate various provisions and programs related to the Department of Education and the operation of primary and secondary schools

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB487** RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL-COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To eliminate the right of first refusal for community schools, college-preparatory boarding schools, and science, technology, engineering, and mathematics schools in the acquisition of school district real property

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB488** PROPERTY TAX LEVY-BALLOT LANGUAGE (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. John Becker) To modify the information conveyed in election notices and ballot language for property tax levies

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB491** SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS-SPECIFIED SERVICES (Rep. Jay Edwards) To require the State Board of Education to issue a substitute license to specified pupil services personnel

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB502** YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING-PUBLIC (Rep. Marlene Anielski) With regard to educator in-service training on youth suicide-awareness and prevention in public schools

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB503** YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING-PRIVATE (Rep. Marlene Anielski) With regard to educator in-service training on youth suicide awareness and prevention in private schools

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB508** OHIOCORPS PILOT PROJECT (Rep. Scott Ryan, Rep. William Reineke) To establish the OhioCorps Pilot Project and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Finance Committee – Bill amended**

**HB512** CONSOLIDATE CAREER-EDUCATION GOVERNANCE (Rep. William Reineke) To establish the Department of Learning and Achievement; to abolish the Department of Higher Education, the position of the Chancellor of Higher Education, and the Ohio Board of Regents; to transfer, with exceptions, the duties regarding the administration of primary and secondary education programs and all duties regarding the administration of higher education programs to the Department of Learning and Achievement; and to prescribe certain duties regarding educator licensure, community school sponsorship, and other education programs for the State Board of Education, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Department of Education

**STATUS: House Government Oversight & Accountability Committee**

**HB517** MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS (Rep. Tim Schaffer, Rep. David Leland) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month."

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB524** 529 CONTRIBUTIONS IN OTHER STATES (Rep. Gary Scherer, Rep. John Patterson) To expand the income tax deduction allowed for contributions to Ohio's 529 college savings program to include contributions to 529 programs established by other states

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB526** VOLUNTEER SCHOOL SECURITY (Rep. Anthony DeVitis, Rep. Martin Sweeney) To authorize a public or chartered nonpublic school to enter into an agreement with a volunteer law enforcement officer to patrol school premises to prevent or respond to a mass casualty event, to provide the parties with a qualified immunity from civil liability, and to provide a tax credit for volunteer service

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB529** CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS (Rep. Scott Ryan) To make capital appropriations and changes to the law governing capital projects and to make reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2020

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Finance Committee – Reported out**

**HB538** TAXES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND INCREASE (Rep. Jack Cera, Rep. John Rogers) To increase the proportion of state tax revenue allocated to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.53% beginning July 1, 2019

**STATUS: Referred to House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB540** TEACHER EVALUATIONS (Rep. Theresa Gavarone, Rep. Nathan Manning)  
With regard to teacher evaluations

**STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB544** STATE BOARD-ADOPT SCHOOL SAFETY STANDARDS (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Rick Perales) To require the State Board of Education to adopt rules prescribing standards for safety enhancements to new public and nonpublic school facilities and to require the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission to revise its construction and design standards to comply with the State Board's standards

**STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB547** PERS- DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SCHOOL EMPLOYEE (Rep. Jay Edwards) Regarding Public Employees Retirement System service credit for services as a nonteaching school employee of a county board of development disabilities

**STATUS: Introduced**

**HB549** SCHOOL OPENINGS-AFTER LABOR DAY (Rep. Steve Arndt) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day

**STATUS: Introduced**

**HB559** IMMUNIZATION-SCHOOLS (Rep. Anne Gonzales, Rep. Al Landis) To make changes to the law governing immunization of children enrolled in school, preschool programs, and day-care programs

**STATUS: Introduced**

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## ***SENATE***

**SB3** WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Sen. Bill Beagle, Sen. Troy Balderson) To designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Passed by House, Vote 93-1; Senate concurs, Vote 32-0**

**SB5** INCREASING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS (Sen. Jay Hottinger, Sen. John Eklund) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$10,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0; Emergency clause, Vote 32-1**

**SB8** SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sen. Randy Gardner, Sen. Louis Terhar) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security  
**STATUS: Signed by Governor (12/22/17) – Effective after 90 days**

**SB9** AUGUST TAX HOLIDAY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes  
**STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately**

**SB10** PRIMARY ELECTION REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Frank LaRose) To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election  
**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**SB15** COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish guidelines for these entities, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University, to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises  
**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB17** LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month  
**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB22** INCORPORATING FEDERAL REVENUE CHANGES (Sen. Bob Peterson) To expressly incorporate changes in the Internal Revenue Code since February 14, 2016, into Ohio law  
**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Passed by House, Vote 90-7, Emergency Clause 90-7**

**SB34** SCHOOL YEARS (Sen. Gayle Manning) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day  
**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB36** AGRICULTURAL COMPUTATION (Sen. Cliff Hite) To require that the computation of the capitalization rate for the purposes of determining CAUV of agricultural land be computed using a method that excludes appreciation and equity buildup and to stipulate that CAUV land used for a conservation practice or enrolled in a federal land retirement or conservation program for at least three years must be valued at the lowest of the values assigned on the basis of soil type

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0**

**SB39**COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB54**SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS (Sen. Edna Brown, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB72**PREVAILING WAGE LAW (Sen. Matt Huffman) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB79**STATE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE (Sen. Kris Jordan) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 24-9**

**SB82**SCHOOL ABSENCES-PARENTAL NOTIFICATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require a public school to place a telephone call within one hour of the start of the school day to a parent whose child is absent without legitimate excuse

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee – Reported out as amended**

**SB85**OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Sen. Matt Huffman) To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB88**SUBDIVISION COMMISSIONS-FISCAL EMERGENCY (Sen. Louis Terhar) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0**

**SB97** REGIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE CREATION (Sen. Frank LaRose, Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB104** PROHIBIT SECLUSION USE-SCHOOLS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB105** MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month"

**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**SB111** SCHOOL ZONE SIGN LIGHTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require school zones to be indicated by signs equipped with flashing or other lights or that indicate the times during which the restrictive speed limit is enforced, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB123** PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PROCESS (Sen. William Coley) To limit the right to initiate most types of property tax complaints to the property owner and the county recorder of the county in which the property is located

**STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee**

**SB124** COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANTS (Sen. Sandra Williams) To qualify students in noncredit community college and career and technical programs for Ohio College Opportunity Grants and to require the awarding of academic credit for community colleges' career certification programs

**STATUS: Senate Finance Higher Education Subcommittee**

**SB133** STUDENT DISCIPLINE-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR (Sen. Frank LaRose) To require the Education Management Information System to include information regarding persons at whom a student's violent behavior that resulted in discipline was directed and to require the Department of Education to submit a one-time report to the General Assembly regarding that information

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB140** PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To create the Public-Private Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to develop, enhance, and promote educational programs to address regional workforce needs; to create the Sector Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to identify and provide grants to industry partnerships; to support programs that improve access to workforce training opportunities for students; to support economic development and revitalization programs; and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB149** ELECTION POLLING PLACES-SCHOOLS (Sen. Frank LaRose) Regarding the use of a school district building as a polling place for elections

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB151** SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS (Sen. Cliff Hite) To permit, rather than require, the School Employees Retirement System to grant annual cost-of-living adjustments to retirement, disability, and survivor benefit recipients and to reduce the maximum amount of the adjustment  
**STATUS: Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions Committee**

**SB172** HUNGER-FREE STUDENTS RIGHTS (Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act to require schools to provide certain services to students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals  
**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB175** RECOVERED FUNDS-SCHOOL AUDIT (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school  
**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB191** ESTABLISH SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAMS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To establish the Breakfast After The Bell Program for public schools  
**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB196** AGGRAVATED BULLYING-OFFENSE CREATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Edna Brown) To create the offense of aggravated bullying, a third-degree misdemeanor  
**STATUS: Senate Judiciary Committee**

**SB197** SCHOOL DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Edna Brown) To require a tiered disciplinary procedure for harassment, intimidation, or bullying in school; to require annual student instruction about preventing such acts; and to create the offense of aggravated bullying as a third-degree misdemeanor  
**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB199** OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni, Sen. Cliff Hite) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation  
**STATUS: Introduced**

**SB203** MUNICIPAL TAX RULE REINSTATEMENT (Sen. Matt Dolan) To reinstate the municipal income tax "throw-back rule" used in apportioning business income among municipalities  
**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB209** PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS-TIF (Sen. William Coley, Sen. John Eklund) To modify the conditions that determine the relative priority of property tax



exemptions when a parcel subject to a tax increment financing arrangement concurrently qualifies for another exemption

**STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee**

**SB213** ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING PLAN (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To enhance economic and employment opportunities and improve local infrastructure in Ohio by providing additional assistance to workforce development and employment programs; establishing a revolving loan program for small businesses seeking to expand operations; extending job tax credits to smaller businesses; enabling expanded participation in public sector contracting by smaller companies; enhancing support for childcare centers; funding additional local infrastructure and public transit; authorizing tax incentives for hiring military veterans, for donating money to local programs assisting distressed communities, or for improving distressed property; exempting the homes of disabled veterans from property taxation; terminating the income tax deduction and reduced tax rate for business income; and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB216** PUBLIC SCHOOL DEREGULATION ACT (Sen. Matt Huffman) To enact the "Ohio Public School Deregulation Act" regarding the administration of preschool and primary and secondary education programs

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee – Reported out as amended**

**SB225** OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni, Sen. John Eklund) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB226** PERMANENT SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a permanent three-day sales tax "holiday" each August during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use tax

**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Ways & Means Committee – Substitute bill accepted and reported out**

**SB239** REGIONAL COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS (Sen. Matt Dolan) To modify the law concerning regional councils of governments

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee – Bill amended**

**SB240** REGARDING TEACHER EVALUATIONS (Sen. Peggy Lehner) With regard to teacher evaluations

**STATUS: Introduced**

**SB241** ACCREDITED NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CATEGORY (Sen. Louis Terhar, Sen. Cecil Thomas) To establish a category of nonpublic schools called "accredited nonpublic schools" and to prescribe requirements and exemptions for such schools

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB246** STUDENT SAFETY ACT (Sen. Peggy Lehner, Sen. Gayle Manning) To enact the "SAFE Act" to revise the procedures for emergency removal of a student, to prohibit certain suspensions and expulsions of students in grades prekindergarten through three, to require each public school to implement a positive behavior intervention and supports framework in accordance with state standards, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB258** AWARDING SCHOOL SAFETY FUNDS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To require the State Board of Education to establish criteria and procedures for the awarding of school safety funds to school districts and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB262** EATING DISORDER EDUCATION (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require public schools annually to provide parents of students in any of grades five through twelve with educational information regarding eating disorders

**STATUS: Introduced**

**SB266** CAPITAL BUDGET (Sen. Scott Oelslager) To make capital appropriations and changes to the law governing capital projects and to make reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2020

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

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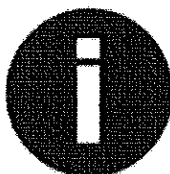
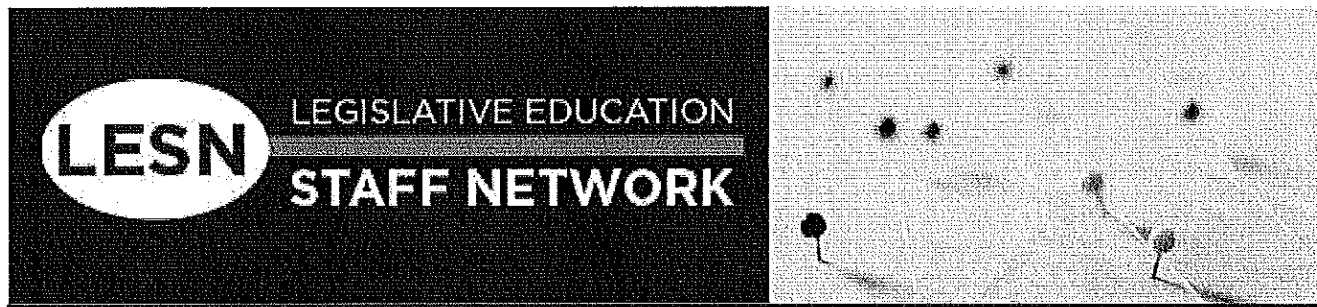
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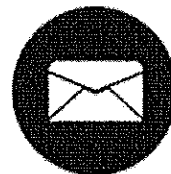
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[50-State Comparison: School Leader Certification and Preparation Programs](#)  
Education Commission of the States has researched school leader certification and preparation policies in all 50 states to provide this comprehensive resource. The 50-State

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- \* **50-State Comparison: Instructional Time Policies** This resource provides an overview of state instructional time requirements for kindergarten through 12th grade — including days or hours per year, hours per day and start and end date parameters where they exist in state law. You can view the data by data point, by state or compare all states' data points.
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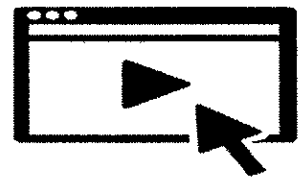
- \* **School Safety webpage** NCSL's new, interactive webpage includes updated legislative tracking, an overview of state statutes and resources on state school safety laws.
- \* **Texas Encourages Local Collaboration for school improvement** This blog explores Senate Bill 1882, enacted by the Texas Legislature last year with bipartisan support to offer incentives for partnerships between public school districts and charter school operators.
- \* **For Some College Students, Hunger is an Extracurricular** Faced with rising costs for books, supplies and tuition, today's college students often skip meals to pay for their education.
- \* **How State are Addressing School Safety** Against the backdrop of the killing of 17 students at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., state legislatures across the country are considering K-12 school safety measures.

### CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

**Hard Work and Soft Skills: The Attitudes, Abilities, and Character of Students in Career and Technical Education** This paper examines the noncognitive skills of students who have

National Forum on Education Policy will be held June 26-29 in Washington, D.C. We will cover topics related to teacher recruitment and retention, school accountability and improvement, career and technical education, and postsecondary affordability, among others. Staff who are unable to attend will be given access to session resources. Contact Stephanie Aragon at [saragon@ecs.org](mailto:saragon@ecs.org) with your questions.

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**The Graduation Effect: High School Graduation Rates and Their Effect on the American Economy** During this webinar, the Alliance for Excellent Education will release new economic data demonstrating how increasing the high school graduation rate to 90 percent will lead to higher earnings for individuals, as well as new job creation and overall economic growth that benefit local communities, states, and the nation. Business, community, and education leaders will see the direct economic impact for their states and metropolitan areas, broken down by various demographic groups.

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gone through career and technical education programs and draws on longitudinal data from a US Department of Education survey to do so. It concludes that career and technical education programs need to be reconsidered as we begin to measure impact on students beyond just test scores. (American Enterprise Institute)

#### **EARLY LEARNING**

The State of Preschool 2017 This is the 15<sup>th</sup> edition of the National Institute for Early Education Research's (NIEER's) annual report tracking state-funded preschool access, resources and quality. Overall, the report found that states invested more money than ever before in preschool, but state spending per child fell for the first time since 2014. More programs met NIEER's new quality standards benchmarks than last year, with notable progress on the new staff professional development standards—although it remains the most challenging for states to meet. (The National Institute for Early Education Research)

#### **ESSA**

Reducing chronic absenteeism under the Every Student Succeeds Act The Every Student Succeeds Act requires states to broaden school accountability beyond achievement on standardized tests and high school graduation rates. This paper reviews the literature and presents analyses of the factors at the school and student levels that relate to chronic absenteeism. (Brookings Institution)

#### **ONLINE LEARNING**

Student Access to Digital Learning Resources Outside of the Classroom This report responds to the ESSA mandate for an analysis of the educational impact of access to digital learning resources outside of the classroom. It draws upon the most recently available nationally representative data sources, existing research and relevant state and local intervention efforts to examine the five research areas identified in ESSA. (National Center for Education Statistics)

#### **SCHOOL DISCIPLINE & EQUITY**

Discipline Disparities for Black Students, Boys, and Students with Disabilities Black students, boys and students with disabilities were disproportionately disciplined in K-12 public schools, according to GAO's analysis of

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Department of Education national civil rights data for school year 2013-14. This report examines (1) patterns in disciplinary actions among public schools, (2) challenges selected school districts reported with student behavior and how they are approaching school discipline, and (3) actions the Departments of Education and Justice have taken to identify and address disparities or discrimination in school discipline. (Government Accountability Office)

#### **SCHOOL LEADERSHIP**

Guiding Principals: State Efforts to Bolster Instructional Leadership This report describes the prevalence of instructional leadership standards in principal evaluation systems and examines if and how states are supporting principals in developing the necessary skills to be good instructional leaders through those systems. It spotlights three promising state efforts and offers key challenges and recommendations for states to advance principal instructional leadership in service of better teaching and learning. (New America)

The Principal Pipeline Podcast: Practitioners Share Lessons from the Field This six-episode series features principals, district and state leaders, and university officials who have developed strong principal pipelines. (The Wallace Foundation)

#### **TEACHER COMPENSATION & EDUCATION STATISTICS**

Rankings of the States 2017 and Estimates of School Statistics 2018 This annual report contains data primarily based on information from state departments of education about the extent to which local, state, and national governments commit resources to public education. It includes rankings and estimates for student and faculty data as well as school revenues and expenditures. (National Education Association)

#### **TEACHER RECRUITMENT & RETENTION**

Diversifying the Teaching Profession: How to Recruit and Retain Teachers of Color This report draws on recent nationally representative data as well as a body of research on recruiting and retaining teachers of color to summarize the primary barriers to recruitment and retention of teachers of color all along the teacher pipeline. It also presents three promising practices to

address those barriers. (Learning Policy  
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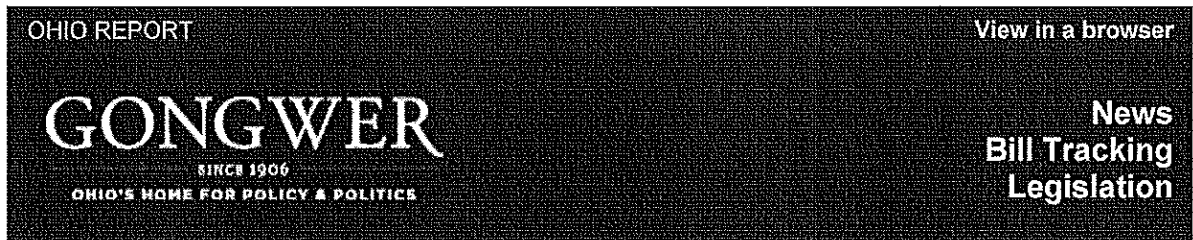
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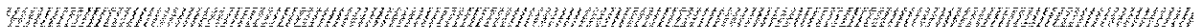


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**State Auditor: ECOT Officials May Have Engaged In Criminal Activity**

State Auditor Dave Yost on Thursday referred his office's audit of the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow for potential prosecution before blasting the Department of Education's oversight of the now-shuttered e-school and calling for stricter state laws on such entities.

The auditor's report determined that ECOT failed to provide documents proving students were using their computers for educational purposes for the hours it requested payment for during the 2016-17 school year. The audit found that although the school used tracking software known as ActivTrak to record what websites and programs students were using and how long they were using them, it did not provide all of that data to ODE.

Mr. Yost also issued findings for recovery on nearly \$250,000 that ECOT-related entities spent on political advertising as the General Assembly was considering new measures to regulate charters and ODE was looking to claw back payments made to the online school.

The audit's release kicked off another round of criticism from Democrats who accused Republican leaders of failing to oversee ECOT and prompted several Republican statewide candidates to donate money their campaigns had previously received from school leaders (*See separate story*).

Mr. Yost called information garnered from ActivTrak "the smoking gun" in his office's investigation into ECOT, which ended with him referring the findings to the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office and U.S. Attorney's Office.

"For the first time, we can prove that ECOT submitted information to ODE in order to get paid that it knew to be false when it was submitted," Mr. Yost said.

After ODE requested information on student participation at the e-school, Mr. Yost said ECOT provided "meaningless and unreliable information ...that ODE inexplicably accepted." He said department officials should have pushed for more information from the school.

"I would not have accepted the watered-down, blanked-out spreadsheets that were submitted to ODE," he said.

In a statement, Mr. Yost went further to challenge the department's handling of the e-school.

"With the level of incompetence displayed by both the school and ODE, the regulator, it's amazing that any money went to education whatsoever," he said.

ODE spokeswoman Brittany Halpin in a statement pushed back against the auditor's claim that the department mishandled its oversight of ECOT.

"No one has held ECOT more accountable for the education of students than the Department of Education, and our work to return approximately \$80 million to Ohio's taxpayers continues," she said.

Ms. Halpin said department officials "repeatedly questioned and subsequently rejected portions of ECOT's data."

ECOT closed in January after the State Board of Education voted the previous summer to claw back \$60 million from the school after an audit found it over-reported its full-time enrollment for the 2015-16 school year. The panel earlier this year tacked on another \$19 million to the school's debt, claiming it again overstated enrollment for 2016-17. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 12, 2018)

The e-school has filed two appeals with the Ohio Supreme Court, claiming ODE and the State Board of Education acted improperly in the lead-up to its closure. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, April 16, 2018)

Along with a referral for possible prosecution, the auditor's office issued a finding for recovery of \$249,962. The amount reflects an invoice submitted to ECOT in 2017 for a political ad buy that eventually was paid by Third Wave Communications, according to the auditor's report.

Mr. Yost said Third Wave Communications shares common ownership with other ECOT-linked businesses, leading auditor's investigators to conclude it paid the invoice in order to disguise ECOT's role in purchasing the advertising, which targeted the ODE and state lawmakers.

Karl Schneider, an attorney representing Third Wave Communications, said in a statement the finding for recovery was "meritless" and the result of a political frenzy around ECOT. He said Third Wave plans to challenge the finding.

"Mile-wide, inch-deep investigations have a tendency to lead to unsubstantiated conclusions that generally fail when tested with evidence in the court system, which is the case here," he said.

The auditor said ECOT officials also declined in April to sign a routine letter stating they provided all information necessary for the completion of the audit and that they had informed auditor's investigators of any possible fraud or illegal actions.

Auditor Yost said he anticipates his office will offer legislative recommendations based on the audit of ECOT, which likely will focus on preventing conflicts of interest and

promoting transparency among e-schools and the companies that manage them. He said the legislature also should look into whether funding such schools based on the time their students spent in class makes sense.

"Online learning needs to go to a learning-based, or achievement-based funding mechanism," he said.

Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) said Thursday afternoon he is proud of legislation passed in 2015 (HB 284) that overhauled the state's accountability system for charter schools, which he said is working. He said he had not read the auditor's report, but would be open to recommendations from Mr. Yost.

"I'd be happy to sit down with him and talk about that," Mr. Obhof said.

A message seeking comment from ECOT's attorney was not returned prior to deadline.

### **Democrats Seek To Anchor Republican Candidates To Online School Faulted In Audit**

On the day Auditor Dave Yost announced he was referring his audit of the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow's finances to prosecutors, Democrats made hay out of Republicans' ties to the defunct e-school.

Former federal prosecutor Steve Dettelbach, Mr. Yost's Democratic opponent for the office of attorney general, in a series of tweets Thursday again called on Yost to recuse himself from ECOT-related matters and questioned the timeline that led up to the referral.

"Dave Yost's excuses for why he couldn't refer the case are a flat out joke. I was a federal prosecutor for 20 years. Fraud cases don't get better with age," Mr. Dettelbach wrote.

At a press conference for the release of the report, Auditor Yost defended the timing of the referral.

"The criminal referrals always happen at the conclusion or near the conclusion of our work," he said.

David Pepper, chairman of the Ohio Democratic Party, said in a statement the auditor's report jibes with Democrats' previous criticisms of charter schools.

"Finally, after years of pretending otherwise, even the Republican auditor of this state is at long last admitting that one of the central policy directions pursued by Republicans in Ohio for nearly two decades turns out to be a fraudulent scam," he said.

Pepper also accused Yost of taking contributions from ECOT, then "(handing) out awards to ECOT like candy and (ignoring) whistleblowers who came to his office."

Mr. Yost said auditor of state awards are "given under objective criteria," adding ECOT received its awards before the Department of Education imposed standards requiring e-schools to provide data on how long their students spent in class.

"The auditor of state's award has nothing to do with how well you're run," he said. "It has specifically and only to do with whether you meet these criteria, and if you meet them, you automatically get the award."

The auditor also denied accusations his office ignored the claims of a whistleblower who went to ODE and the auditor's office last year alleging the school ordered employees to manipulate enrollment data. Mr. Yost said auditor's officials spoke with him twice and reviewed documents he provided to investigators.

"(The whistleblower's) knowledge was insufficient to base a criminal referral (on) at that time," Mr. Yost said, adding that the auditor's office was "already aware of virtually everything that he said" and working on an audit program to review the school.

The Yost campaign also announced it is donating \$29,395 to charity to offset contributions made by people with ties to ECOT to Mr. Yost's state auditor campaign and transition committee in response to the referral for prosecution.

Allison Dumski, spokeswoman for the campaign of Republican auditor candidate Rep. Keith Faber (R-Celina), said in a statement the campaign is donating \$36,513 to "high quality charter schools" to offset donations from ECOT founder Bill Lager to Faber's prior campaigns.

"As made evident by Auditor Yost's report today, ECOT abused the state's public trust, deceived parents, and most importantly, hurt the thousands of students who sought a quality education," Rep. Faber said in a statement. "Thanks to the strong charter school reforms put in place while I was Senate president and the diligent work of Auditor Yost and his staff, ECOT was caught and is out of business."

Mr. Faber's democratic opponent in the auditor's race, former Congressman Zack Space, called for politicians who took contributions from ECOT or related individuals to give them back in a Thursday-morning tweet.

"Finally, a long overdue referral for prosecution, after YEARS of scamming our tax dollars. Many questions remain, but the biggest: what role did political contributions have in creating or perpetuating this scam? Pols who took ECOT \$ should return it," he wrote.

Sen. Joe Schiavoni (D-Boardman) in a statement said the auditor's announcement was a case of "better late than never."

"However, I am concerned that the auditor avoided acknowledging his own failures to hold ECOT accountable in the past," he said. "The auditor is well aware that the Ohio Department of Education had the power to ask for detailed student attendance data before 2014. That means the data should have existed and Auditor Yost could have asked for it."

Sen. Vernon Sykes (D-Akron) in a statement called for a bipartisan reform effort in regards to e-schools. He said the legislature could start by considering a measure (SB 39) introduced by Sen. Schiavoni in February.

"It is within the legislature's mandate to create a more efficient and effective education system so that Ohio's children have the opportunity to thrive," he said. "Members of the General Assembly have a moral obligation to work together toward bipartisan e-school reform."

Rep. Teresa Fedor (D-Toledo) and Rep. Tavia Galonski (D-Akron) sent a letter to Mr. DeWine requesting the appointment of a special prosecutor to investigate the e-school.

"Taxpayers, students and their families deserve to know the truth about the extent of ECOT officials' criminal activity to defraud the state out of tens of millions of dollars," the letter stated.

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Rich Cordray used the release of the audit as an opportunity to tie his Republican opponent, Attorney General Mike DeWine, to the e-school.

"This is just the latest attempt by Republicans in the Statehouse to whitewash their ECOT scandal," Mr. Cordray said in a statement. "They willfully looked the other way as a billion of our taxpayer dollars went to a politically-connected for-profit charter school instead of to educating Ohio students. In exchange for enabling their scam, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted raked in tens of thousands of dollars in campaign contributions, while our state, taxpayers and children were being defrauded and mistreated."

Joshua Eck, a spokesman for the DeWine/Husted campaign, said in a statement the auditor's report actually shows Republicans are providing oversight of charter schools.

"Mike DeWine and Jon Husted believe that every dollar we invest in education needs only one priority: Helping our kids get off to a great start in life," he said. "Anyone who tries to manipulate that system should be held to account. It's a shame Richard Cordray doesn't understand how Republicans are already imposing that accountability."

### **Medicaid Officials Detail Safeguards For Managed Care Expansion**

Managed care plans and the Ohio Department of Medicaid said Thursday they're ready for the scheduled July 1 carve-in of behavioral health services, although the agency said it has contingency plans in place to alleviate potential problems.

One point of concern for the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee was one plan's recent struggles meeting the state's prompt pay standards, problems that plans said were not tied to behavioral health.

The move to managed care is the second step in the behavioral health redesign process, and administration officials also argued before JMOC that the first stage - new billing codes - is starting to turn the corner. (*See separate story*)

Although Medicaid officials said they're confident the state's managed care plans will be ready to take on behavioral health services come July, they also detailed a series of safeguards designed to mitigate any issues. (ODM Presentation)

Those protections include a six-month period after the carve-in during which Medicaid members can use any provider for services regardless of who their managed care plan is, said Patrick Stephan, ODM's director of managed care. The period was initially three months but was extended to six months to include an open enrollment period in which members can change managed care plans if they choose.

"Any provider providing services to somebody in the new system will be paid by the managed care plans, no questions asked," Mr. Stephan said.

After that period, providers and plans will still be able to work out single-case agreements if the provider isn't in a plan's network, he said.

Another safeguard is that plans will have to follow the Medicaid program's fee-for-service coverage policies and payment rates through June 30, 2019.

ODM will also develop a post-implementation task force including managed care plans, providers and groups representing providers to identify issues and address them, Mr. Stephan said.

The department will also offer a contingency plan for providers who face problems with billing, similar to a contingency plan offered during the first stage of the redesign, he said. Plans would make a monthly payment for July, August, September and October for providers serving their members equal to 54.6% of the provider's average monthly Medicaid reimbursement in 2016.

Representatives of the five managed care plans told the committee they were each prepared to handle the change in services.

"Improvements for behavioral health in Medicaid will occur July 1 due to managed care carve-in," said Buckeye Health Plan President and CEO Bruce Hill. "Buckeye and the other Medicaid plans have been working closely with our providers for months to ensure a smooth transition."

One managed care organization that JMOC members questioned extensively was CareSource, which is working with ODM to resolve failures to meet the program's prompt pay standards in the second half of 2017.

JMOC Chairman Sen. Dave Burke (R-Marysville) asked CareSource to provide its plan of action for resolving prompt pay issues to the committee in the next week.

CareSource Ohio President Steve Ringel said the company would comply and had experienced no problems with prompt pay in behavioral health. He told Rep. Nickie Antonio (D-Lakewood) that the problems stemmed from having insufficient staff, and that they largely occurred in primary care. The plan has offered cash advances where there are significant issues with specific providers, he said.

Rep. Antonio asked ODM officials about the remediation process for prompt pay failures.

When the department identifies problems with a plan, it works with them to identify issues and develop a solution to bring them back into compliance, Mr. Stephan said.

Rep. Mark Romanchuk (R-Mansfield) questioned why it has taken several months for ODM to act on CareSource's issues.

"To me, eight months is a long time, so I would encourage the department to potentially move these triggers up, so we're not six, seven, eight months down the road when we're finally acting in a manner that facilitates change," he said.

Mr. Stephan said both the plan and ODM have taken the issue seriously and are working on solutions. He also said they have considered changing the requirements, which currently mandate plans pay 90% of claims within 30 days and 99% within 90 days.

"Through the balance of this process, it is a topic that we are looking into," he said.

### **Administration Points To Improvements In Behavioral Health Redesign Payments**

State Medicaid officials argued Thursday that the first step in the behavioral health redesign process, a move to new billing codes, is beginning to stabilize after some initial uncertainty.

The administration used data covering the first three months of the year to tell members of the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee that billing problems are being resolved and that the new system is, in many cases, paying providers more quickly and efficiently than before.

The comments come in response to a survey released last month by the Ohio Council of Behavioral Health & Family Service Providers that found many members were receiving



significantly less in overall payments from Medicaid. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, April 19, 2018)

Greg Moody, director of the Governor's Office of Health Transformation, said that survey, which covered 80% of the council's members, represents about a quarter of providers affected by the behavioral health redesign. (ODM Presentation)

While payments for claims in February were down 20% compared to the previous February, those numbers in January and March were close to the same, with total payments in the first quarter of 2018 down about 7% compared to the same period in 2017, Director Moody said.

When looking at denial rates of claims, Mr. Moody said the 18% denial rate in March was down compared to 28% seen in January, showing providers are working out problems with the new system.

That rate, above the typical denial rate of about 11%, also is inflated because the new coding system is disqualifying claims that previously might otherwise have been paid by Medicaid, including claims that should be paid by other payers, he said. When those claims are eliminated, the denial rate drops to 11% in March and 15% for the first quarter overall, he said.

Many of the denials - about 41% - are coming from 26 providers, which account for 6% of the total number, he said. When they are removed, the denial rate for March drops to 5%. Mr. Moody also pointed out that hospitals, which have more experience with the code sets and the system, experienced a denial rate of 1% for the quarter.

"Many of the early concerns with redesign are being addressed as we look at actual system performance," he said.

Sen. Bill Coley (R-Liberty Twp.) cited a drop in total behavioral health spending in April, which was not included in Mr. Moody's presentation.

April's spending is affected by a one-week payment delay for the month for all providers in the Medicaid program to keep the program's budget balanced, Mr. Moody said.

"A significant portion of the reduction in April is unrelated to redesign, it's related to a one-week delay in payment," he said.

The council's survey was conducted "at the point of maximum consternation" with the new process, Mr. Moody said.

"Everything in the council survey are things that we flagged to monitor and track because they could be signals of something going wrong," he said.

Sen. Coley said the fact that overall spending in behavioral health remains below last year's total continues to raise red flags.

"From a budgeting standpoint, their concerns are not as overblown as we thought," he said.

Rep. Emilia Sykes (D-Akron) asked how much providers are being told about why a certain claim was denied.

"What does that look like moving forward so these folks can actually get what they need and we can actually find out whether this is why they're losing that funding?" she asked.

Medicaid Director Barbara Sears said providers are given codes explaining why a claim was denied, and that with larger denials, the department will reach out to providers to explain.

"I can't have my folks explaining how to bill Medicare or a third party, but what I can tell you is that now that we have moved to a national code set, it's easier for them to bill those services," she said.

The administration's comments didn't quell the Ohio Council's concerns about the plan to move ahead with the next step of the behavioral health redesign. CEO Lori Criss also pointed to prompt payment issues with one managed care plans as raising questions about the planned July 1 managed care carve-in. (*See separate story*)

"Today's discussion at JMOC reinforced that the state, managed care plans, and providers are not yet showing full signs of readiness for a July 1 move to managed care, especially with fewer than 8% of providers shown as being in a position to serve the same capacity that they served last year at this time," she said in an email.

"It's stunning to think that the administration can declare readiness when at the same time revealing that the Ohio Department of Medicaid has known for months but not shared that CareSource, which covers over 50% of Ohioans on Medicaid Managed Care, has violated their timely payment requirements."

Prompted by the council's survey, one Democratic lawmaker also announced Thursday that he would ask ODM to delay the planned carve-in by six months.

"Logistical issues during the rollout of the redesign plan have wreaked havoc on our healthcare providers, threatening care and forcing many to eliminate staff and essential services," Rep. Thomas West (D-Canton) said in a statement. "This is especially troublesome at a time when we continue to battle our worst-in-the-nation opioid crisis. Extending Phase I by six months will allow us to iron out the issues and refocus our efforts on what truly matters-delivering quality, affordable healthcare to Ohio families."

### **Retirement Study Council Approves 2019 Budget**

The Ohio Retirement Study Council will see a slight spending increase under a budget approved by members Thursday.

The panel signed off on the \$781,800 budget request with little discussion after council Director Bethany Rhodes walked members through an overview. The annual increase is just above 1%, or \$8,450. The council receives no legislative appropriations and is funded through the plans' investment earnings.

The School Employees Retirement and the State Teachers Retirement systems also presented current drafts of their own budget proposals. Rising insurance costs, additional staff training expenses and increasing bank fees appear to be the common themes. (Committee Documents)

Rep. Rick Carfagna (R-Westerville) applauded the ORSC's budget for zeroing out a line item previously put aside for communication products like phones and internet.

Ms. Rhodes explained that because the council relocated to a state office building, it no longer needs to rely on a private vendor for those services. She said, however, that the line item would remain in the budget in case the council should relocate at some point in the future.

Ms. Rhodes said she was also successful in following through on members' prior instructions to attempt to extend the contract of the council's two actuaries - PTA/KMS and RVK - which were to expire in August. She said both agreed to extend the contracts another five years at the current rate.

**Other systems:** Representatives of the School Employees Retirement System and State Teachers Retirement System shared their own budget projections with the council, although SERS CFO Tracy Valentino said that system's proposal is still a work in progress and will likely be lower when it returns for council consideration.

SERS' proposed operating budget increased 4.3% over the current year, partly attributable to a 4.7% increase in personnel costs and a 5.5% increase in health insurance. All told, the total budget clocks in at just more than \$34 million - up from \$32.9 million the year prior.

Member Thomas Pascarella questioned Ms. Valentino on the increase in banking fees the system has seen. She replied that as the assets grow, so too do the custodial and related fees.

STRS CFO Paul Snyder said the system is eyeing a 2.2% increase - up from \$99.9 million to \$102 million - for its 2019 budget. He said the system has trimmed six full-time equivalent positions thanks to online efficiencies and teacher retirements - a fact Sen. Steve Wilson (R-Maineville) praised.

**Recommendations:** Senior Research Associate Jeff Bernard outlined staff's recommendation to remove a provision in the Ohio Revised Code requiring Highway Patrol Retirement System to conduct an annual adequacy contribution rate report.

Those reports, Mr. Bernard suggested, are duplicative and costly. The council, he noted, would still have the ability to request such a report if the change were adopted. System Executive Director Mark Atkeson said he supports the proposal.

Rep. Kirk Schuring (R-Canton) said the issue will be discussed at the group's next meeting along with whether similar requirements for other systems should likewise be eliminated.

The council also voted to recommend lawmakers modify maximum statutory penalties for systems failing to transmit either employee or employer contributions.

### **State Offers Guidance On Mental Health, Firearms; Chronic Pain Rule Available For Comment...**

The Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services issued guidance this week to help mental health practitioners with questions surrounding mental illness and firearms.

The memo comes as the debate over firearms and particularly mass shootings continues at the state and federal level.

ODMHAS Medical Director Dr. Mark Hurst wrote to providers that the discussion demonstrates the important role they play in the conversation and in the prevention of violence.

Statistics show a relatively small number of violent acts directed toward others are committed by people with mental illness, and that people with mental illness are much more likely to use firearms to take their own lives, he wrote.

"When individuals with certain mental illnesses are actively experiencing symptoms, they may be impulsive, misperceive reality and have impaired judgment. If firearms are available, the risk to themselves and others increases markedly," he wrote.

"Health care providers have no duty more important than to maintain the wellness and safety of patients, families and the communities where they reside. This duty is accomplished by providing effective treatment for psychiatric disorders and substance use problems, as well as remembering our duty to address the risk that exists from access to firearms for those under mental health treatment."

Dr. Hurst recommended patients and their families be advised of the risks posed by firearm access, and the importance of mitigating them. He also stressed the importance of ensuring relevant documents are submitted to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation in the case of an involuntary commitment.

"While our clinical interventions alone will not eliminate all firearm-related injuries and deaths, they most certainly eliminate some of them," he wrote. "Even one life saved is worth it."

**Chronic Pain Rules:** The Ohio State Dental Board posted draft rules of proposed new regulations on the prescribing of opioid medications for chronic and subacute pain.

The proposed rules were announced last week by Gov. John Kasich and medical professional boards. They create a framework of checkpoints for prescribers when authorizing progressively stronger doses of opioid pain relievers. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 2, 2018)

Comments on the rules can be sent to the dental board via email with the rule number in the subject line, and with the Common Sense Initiative copied on the email. Comments will be accepted through Friday, May 18.

The board also expects to hold a public hearing on the rule in July.

**Medicaid Waivers:** A report by Policy Matters Ohio questioned research cited by federal health care regulators in supporting Medicaid waivers imposing work requirements on certain members.

PMO claimed the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services misstated or misinterpreted the findings of various academic studies in justifying a move toward additional work requirements for Medicaid members.

"Medicaid's mission is to improve the health of Americans struggling to make ends meet," Wendy Patton, PMO senior project director, said in a statement. "Good health is a precondition for work, not a reward for it. Nothing in academic literature justifies CMS's plan. In fact, in many cases, the research shows why this policy is flawed."

#### **Agency Briefs: AG Approves Petition For Legalized Pot Issue; Arts Council Gets Nearly \$1 Million NEA Grant; Auditor; ODA; DAS**

A resubmitted petition summary for a ballot issue to legalize marijuana in Ohio was approved Thursday by Attorney General Mike DeWine.

Backers of the proposed constitutional amendment, titled "Marijuana Rights and Regulations," will be cleared to begin collecting signatures after the Ohio Ballot Board determines whether the language requires a single or multiple issues.

Mr. DeWine's office determined that, unlike the committee's first attempt, the new petition summary represented "a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law."

Under the proposed amendment, which also prescribes how governments can restrict the use of marijuana in ways similar to alcohol-related laws, a new Ohio Constitution section would "endow the Rights of persons in Ohio age 21 and older to possess, cultivate, process, use, transport, sell, purchase and share marijuana in Ohio...."

**Ohio Arts Council:** For the ninth consecutive year, OAC is celebrating the award of the second-largest partnership agreement grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

The \$995,800 received to help support arts initiatives throughout the state tops the amount granted to larger states such as Texas, Florida, New York, Illinois and Pennsylvania, OAC reported. (Details)

"Ohio has a long tradition of securing nearly \$1 million annually through the State and Regional Partnership Agreement program from the National Endowment for the Arts. We are proud to receive the largest award in the Midwest and the second largest award in the nation, OAC Executive Director Donna S. Collins said in a statement.

"Every dollar we earn from the NEA is invested in the arts statewide through our grantees. The federal investment in the arts in Ohio is important, not just the Ohio Arts Council grant award, but the 16 grants given this cycle in a variety of categories to arts organizations across Ohio."

**State Auditor:** Dave Yost has placed the Village of Bridgeport in Belmont County on the state's "unauditable" list due to a lack of documentation.

"During the course of the regular financial audit of the Village of Bridgeport for the period Jan. 1, 2016, through Dec. 31, 2017, the Auditor of State's office determined that the condition of the village's financial records was not adequate to complete the audit," his office reported. In a letter to the village, the Auditor's office provided a list of information required to complete the audit.

"Complete financial records shine a light on local governments," Auditor Yost said in a release. "Taxpayers should not be left in the dark on how their dollars are being spent."

The village has 90 days to respond to the letter by revising its financial records and providing the required data. Failure to do so could result in legal action.

In a separate release, Mr. Yost announced that Nicholas Szabo, the former city auditor of London in Madison County, pleaded guilty to theft in office "for his failure to reimburse the city for his health insurance costs and for an unauthorized pay increase for a fellow employee."

Mr. Szabo resigned in December. The auditor said he will be sentenced on the fourth-degree felony violation on June 7.

Mr. Yost also announced this week that a special audit of Mt. Sterling was recognized by the National State Auditors Association with an Excellence in Accountability Award.

"The award recognizes the office's work in uncovering extensive corruption and almost \$1 million in illegal spending at the small Madison County village," his office reported. "The special audit was instrumental in securing the convictions of four administrators

and employees, including former Mayor Charles Neff and former Village Administrator Joseph Johnson."

"The exemplary professionals of my office continually get results - and justice - for Ohio's taxpayers," Auditor Yost said. "This recognition from their peers is evidence of the first-rate work rooted in every audit and investigation they perform."

**Department of Agriculture:** The agency reported Thursday that an invasive species of hemlock-killing insects had been discovered in Adams County.

The hemlock woolly adelgid, an aphid-like Asian insect first reported in the U.S. in 1951, has devastated the trees in areas along the Appalachian Mountains and has been detected in 20 states.

The infestation in Adams County was discovered through the survey work being conducted by the ODNR Division of Forestry in Shawnee State Forest. The bugs were first detected in a forested setting in Ohio in Meigs County in 2012, the agency reported.

"At this time, ODA will move to expand its hemlock quarantine, enforced by ODA's Plant Health division, to include Adams County," ODA reported. "Ohio quarantine regulations restrict the movement of hemlock materials from areas known to be infested with HWA into non-infested Ohio counties. Ohio's quarantine law also requires hemlock materials to be inspected and officially certified before being shipped, verifying that the plant material is free of HWA when entering Ohio."

The agency separately announced that aerial treatments designed to control the gypsy moth population would begin soon in 54 acres in Franklin County. The treatments are administered using a low-flying aircraft and will likely take place during early morning hours, ODA said.

The department said it will use Foray (Btk), a naturally occurring bacterium found in the soil that interferes with the caterpillars' feeding cycles, adding that the substance is not toxic to humans, pets, birds or fish.

**Administrative Services:** The state will hold next miscellaneous surplus property auction on Saturday at the DAS General Services Division headquarters, 4200 Surface Rd. in Columbus.

Scaffolding and a Delta RS-15 shaper are among the unique items being sold at the auction, which also features. "a wide variety of computer equipment (e.g., laptops, monitors and printers) and electronic appliances (e.g., copiers, digital cameras, DVD players, audio and video equipment and mobile radios).

Doors open at 8 a.m. and the auction begins at 9 a.m. More details are available on the DAS website.

## **Governor's Appointments**

**State Dental Board:** Andrew W. Zucker, DDS of Sandusky for a term beginning May 10, 2018, and ending April 6, 2022 and Canise Y. Bean, DMD, MPH of Columbus and Faisal A. Quereshy, MD, DDS of Richfield for terms beginning May 10, 2018, and ending April 6, 2022.

**University of Akron Board of Trustees:** Cindy P. Crotty of Cleveland Heights has been appointed to the for a term beginning May 10, 2018, and ending July 1, 2026.

### **Gongwer Statehouse Job Market Updated**

Gongwer's Statehouse Job Market has been updated. The update is available on the Gongwer website.

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### **Supplemental Agency Calendar**

#### **Monday, May 14**

State Board of Education, 25 S. Front St., Columbus, 8:30 a.m.

#### **Tuesday, May 15**

State Board of Education, 25 S. Front St., Columbus, 8:30 a.m.

#### **Wednesday, May 16**

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 E. Broad St., 11th Fl., Columbus, 1:30 p.m.

#### **Thursday, May 17**

Aerospace & Aviation Technology Committee, Rm. 017, Statehouse, Columbus, 1:30 p.m.

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## **Daily Activity Planner for Friday, May 11**

### **Legislative Committees**

No legislative committees scheduled.

### **Agency Calendar**

Small Government Capital Improvements Commission, OWDA offices, 480 S. High St., Columbus, 10:30 a.m.

### **Event Planner**

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## Legislative Committee Schedules beginning 5/11/2018

**Monday, May 14**

Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (Committee Record) (Chr. Uecker, J., 644-6030), Senate Finance Hearing Rm., 1:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 15**

Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions (Committee Record) (Chr. Hottinger, J., 466-5838), Finance Hearing Rm., 9:30 a.m.

**SB 275** **NURSE ANESTHETISTS** (Burke, D.) Regarding the authority of certified registered nurse anesthetists to administer drugs in addition to anesthesia and to select and order certain other drugs. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**SB 247** **PERS HEALTH CARE** (Dolan, M.) To require the Public Employees Retirement System to permit certain spouses of retired or deceased members to continue receiving allowances to pay for health care expenses under the System's group health care plans. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**SB 263** **NOTARY PUBLIC** (Huffman, M., Wilson, S.) To enact the Notary Public Modernization Act. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

**SB 265** **PHARMACY SERVICES** (Dolan, M.) To permit certain health insurers to provide payment or reimbursement for services lawfully provided by a pharmacist and to recognize pharmacist services in certain other laws. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**SB 273** **RATING AGENCIES** (Hackett, B.) To enact for the Revised Code a definition of the term "rating agency." (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

Senate Finance (Committee Record) (Chr. Oelslager, S., 466-0626), Finance Hearing Rm., 2:30 p.m.

- Confirmation hearing on governor's appointments of John Adams, CFA, Ohio Higher Educational Facility Commission; Rachel Bankowitz and Donald Brogan, RA, Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board; Charles Bills, Owens State Community College Board of Trustees; Thomas Carroll, Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee; Rachel Cummings, Southern State Community College Board of Trustees; Matthew Davis, Ohio Business Gateway Steering Committee; Terrence Fergus, Cleveland State University Board of Trustees; Charles George, Youngstown State University Board of Trustees; Matthew Kirby, CFP, Ohio Tuition Trust Authority; Gary Lindgren and David Scholl, Third Frontier Commission; Austin McClain, Ohio University Board of Trustees; Jill Neff and Joshua Smith, Rio Grande Community College Board of Trustees and Rick Ritzler, Columbus State Community College Board of Trustees

**SB 296** **LAW ENFORCEMENT BENEFITS** (LaRose, F., Hottinger, J.) To revise the payments that surviving family members receive from the Ohio Public Safety Officers Death Benefit Fund and to permit surviving spouses and children to participate in the health, dental, and vision benefits offered to state employees as if the survivors were employees of this state. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB 318** **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS** (Patterson, J., LaTourette, S.) To define the necessary qualifications and responsibilities of school resource officers, to require the

Facilities Construction Commission to study and report on school building security upgrades and to make an appropriation. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**SB 299** **WATER IMPROVEMENTS** (Gardner, R., O'Brien, S.) To allow equipment for the protection and preservation of Lake Erie to be purchased with proceeds from the Parks and Recreation Improvement Fund, and to appropriate funds for projects enhancing water quality in the Western Lake Erie Basin. (1st Hearing-Sponsor & proponent)

**HB 353** **UNCLAIMED FUNDS** (Reineke, B.) To exempt certain open-loop prepaid cards, closed-loop prepaid cards, and rewards cards from the Unclaimed Funds Law. (3rd Hearing-Opponent)

**SB 246** **STUDENT REMOVAL** (Lehner, P., Manning, G.) To enact the "SAFE Act" to revise the procedures for emergency removal of a student, to prohibit certain suspensions and expulsions of students in grades pre- kindergarten through three, to require each public school to implement a positive behavior intervention and supports framework in accordance with state standards, and to make an appropriation. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments)

House Federalism & Interstate Relations (Committee Record) (Chr. Roegner, K., 466-1177), Rm. 115, 4 p.m.

**HB 580** **GRANT APPLICATIONS** (Thompson, A.) To establish procedures that executive agencies must follow when applying for grants, to require the Governor to approve any major grant application, and to permit the Governor to disapprove any minor grant application. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HCR 26** **JERUSALEM** (Faber, K., Keller, C.) To recognize Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Israel. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB 228** **GUN LAWS** (Johnson, T., LaTourette, S.) To assign to the prosecution the burden of disproving a self-defense or related claim, to expand the locations at which a person has no duty to retreat before using force under both civil and criminal law, and to modify the Concealed Handgun Licensing Law regarding a licensee's duty to keep the licensee's hands in plain sight, the penalties for illegally carrying a concealed firearm or improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle, and the posting of warning signs regarding the possession of weapons on specified premises. (6th Hearing-All testimony)

**HB 85** **HEALTH CARE COMPACT** (Retherford, W.) To enter into the Health Care Compact. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

House Education & Career Readiness (Committee Record) (Chr. Brenner, A., 644-6711), Rm. 121, 4 p.m.

**HB 544** **SCHOOL SAFETY STANDARDS** (Rogers, J., Perales, R.) To require the State Board of Education to adopt rules prescribing standards for safety enhancements to new public and nonpublic school facilities and to require the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission to revise its construction and design standards to comply with the State Board's standards. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

- SB 216** **SCHOOL REGULATIONS** (Huffman, M.) To enact the "Ohio Public School Deregulation Act" regarding the administration of preschool and primary and secondary education programs. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 517** **MONTH DESIGNATION** (Schaffer, T., Leland, D.) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month." (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- HB 540** **TEACHER EVALUATIONS** (Gavarone, T., Manning, N.) With regard to teacher evaluations. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- HB 591** **SCHOOL REPORT CARDS** (Duffey, M.) To revise the state report card rating system for school districts and public schools. (1st Hearing-Sponsor & proponent-Possible substitute-Pending referral)
- Senate Agriculture (Committee Record) (Chr. Hackett, B., 466-3780), South Hearing Rm., 4 p.m.
- HB 392** **APIARY DAMAGES** (Stein, D.) To grant specified apiary owners immunity in personal injury or property damage cases involving bee stings. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 506** **DOG BREEDERS** (Hill, B.) To revise the law governing high volume dog breeders. (2nd Hearing-Proponent-Possible amendments)

### **Wednesday, May 16**

House Finance (Committee Record) (Chr. Smith, R., 466-1366), Rm. 313, 9 a.m.

- SB 135** **VOTING EQUIPMENT** (LaRose, F.) To make supplemental operating appropriations for the FY 2018-FY 2019 biennium and supplemental capital appropriations for the FY 2017-FY 2018 biennium to implement a voting machine and equipment acquisition program. (1st Hearing-Sponsor & proponent-Pending referral)
- Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-7505), Majority Conf. Rm., 11:15 a.m.
- House Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Schuring, K., 466-3357), House Chamber, 1:30 p.m.
- Senate Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m.
- Senate Transportation, Commerce & Workforce (Committee Record) (Chr. LaRose, F., 466-4823), North Hearing Rm., 3 p.m. or after session
- Confirmation hearing on governor's appointments of Timothy Staup, Motor Vehicle Salvage Dealers Licensing Board and Norman Lane, State Fire Council

- SB 293** **ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS** (Peterson, B., McColley, R.) To require agencies to reduce the number of regulatory restrictions. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 295** **ROAD NAMING** (Hottinger, J.) To designate a portion of State Route 93 in Tuscarawas County as the "PFC Oscar F. Nicewander Memorial Highway" and a portion of State Route 520 in Holmes County as the "Cpl. Jerry Robert Spiller Memorial Highway." (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- Senate Education (Committee Record) (Chr. Lehner, P., 466-4538), South Hearing Rm., 3:15 p.m. or after session
- HB 360** **BULLYING** (Greenspan, D.) To enact the "Ohio Anti-Bullying and Hazing Act" with regard to school discipline and bullying and hazing policies at public schools and public colleges. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

- HB 87** **COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (Roegner, K.)** Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 438** **ESC BOARDS (Hambley, S., Kick, D.)** To permit the addition of appointed members to educational service center boards, to permit a local school district to sever its territory from one educational service center and annex that territory to an adjacent service center under specified conditions, and to authorize educational service centers to establish local professional development committees. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- HB 21** **COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (Hambley, S.)** Regarding verification of community school enrollments. (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- House Aging & Long Term Care (Committee Record) (Chr. Arndt, S., 644-6011), Rm. 113, 3:30 p.m. or after session**
- HB 527** **VISITATION RIGHTS (LaTourette, S.)** To allow certain specified persons to petition the probate court for reasonable visitation with an incompetent or ward if visitation between the person and the incompetent or ward has been interfered with or denied. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 572** **RETIREMENT CREDIT (Scherer, G., Howse, S.)** Regarding Public Employees Retirement System service credit for services as a nonteaching school employee of a county board of developmental disabilities. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 158** **ELDER FRAUD (Wilson, S.)** To develop best practices and educational opportunities to combat elder fraud and exploitation and to fine and require full restitution from offenders who are found guilty of certain fraud-related crimes against the elderly. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

## **Thursday, May 17**

**Joint Ohio College Affordability Committee (Chr. Wilson, S., 466-9739), Senate Finance Hearing Rm., 10 a.m.**

- **Presentation from Chancellor John Carey on past and current initiatives to reduce the cost of college education**

**Canceled: House Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Schuring, K., 466-3357), House Chamber, 4 p.m.**

- **If needed**

## **Tuesday, May 22**

**Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-7505), Majority Conf. Rm., 11 a.m.**

- **If needed**
- **Senate Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m.**
- **If needed**

## **Wednesday, May 23**

**Joint Education Oversight Committee (Committee Record) (Chr. Manning, G., 466-8150), North Hearing Rm., 8:30 a.m.**


- **Presentation by State Superintendent Paolo DeMaria and update on progress of other research projects (tentative)**
- Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-7505), Majority Conf. Rm., 11 a.m.**

House Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Schuring, K., 466-3357), House Chamber, 1:30 p.m.  
Senate Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m.

**Thursday, May 24**

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House Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Schuring, K., 466-3357), House Chamber, 1 p.m.

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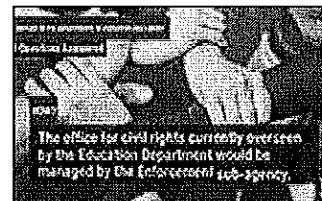
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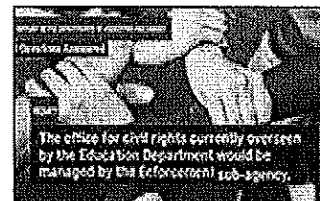
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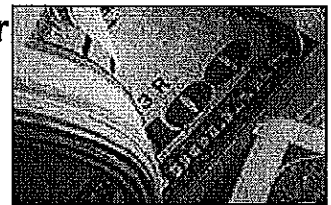
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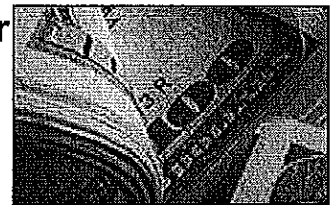
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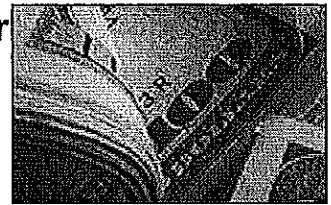
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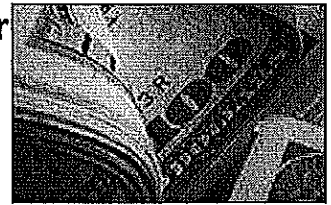
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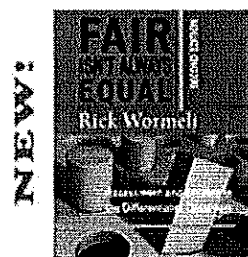
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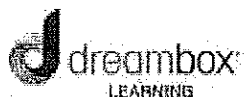
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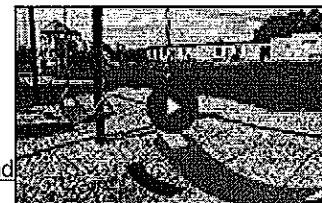


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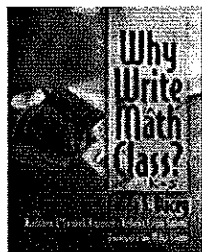
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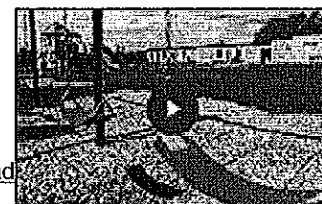


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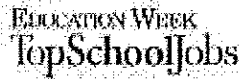




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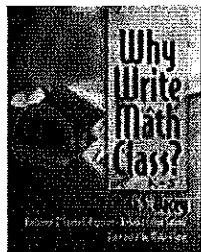


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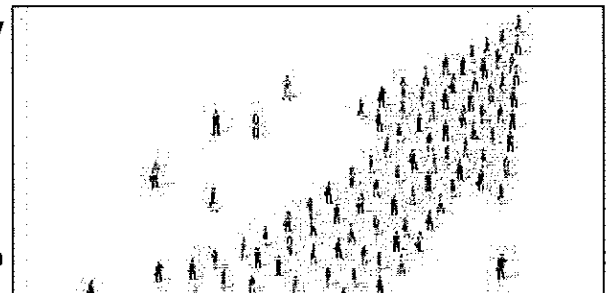
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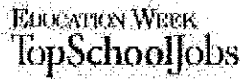
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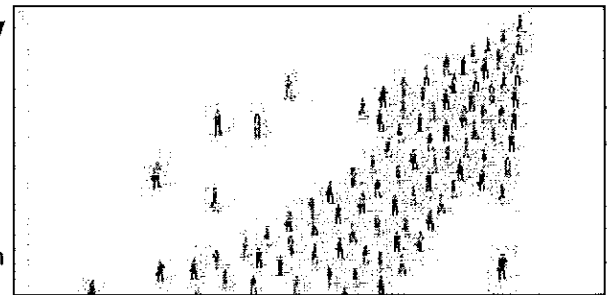
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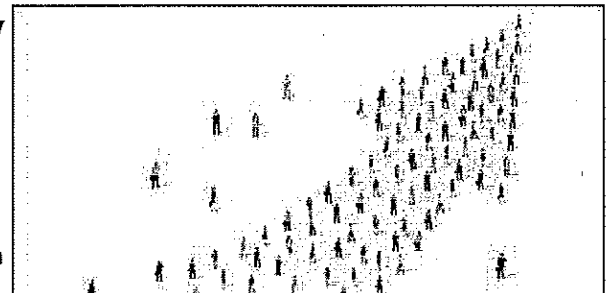
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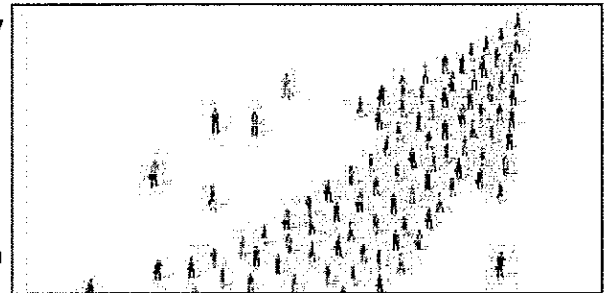
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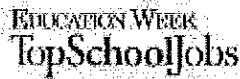
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